

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 and 31-37 (Canceled)

23. (Original) A mounting apparatus for releasably attaching a burner assembly to a bottom wall that at least partially defines a combustion chamber of a water heater, the mounting apparatus comprising:

a flange on the burner assembly, a clip attached to the bottom wall, the clip having an end portion spaced from the bottom wall forming a receiver, a first portion of the flange engageable within the receiver, and a removable fastener fastening a second end of the flange against the bottom wall.

24. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the clip comprises a base portion attached to the bottom wall and the end portion is offset from the base portion.

25. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23 wherein the removable fastener comprises a screw having an end portion connected to the bottom wall.

26. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23 wherein the removable fastener comprises a latch removably engageable within a shoulder of the bottom wall.

27. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23 wherein the clip has a slot and the burner assembly has a seam that engages within the slot to limit movement in at least one direction of the burner assembly with respect to the bottom wall.

28. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23 wherein with the burner assembly mounted within the clip, the clip limits movement in at least one direction of the burner assembly with respect to the bottom wall.

29. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 23 wherein the bottom wall accommodates two of the burner assemblies.

30. (Original) The mounting apparatus according to Claim 29 wherein the bottom wall and the burner assemblies are mounted within a natural draft and non-condensing gaseous fuel fired water heater.